

Frederick William Wadham

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FATAL ROAD ACCIDENT.

YOUNG NEWPORTONIAN'S DEATH AT ROMSEY.

The deepest sympathy is felt in the Island with Mr. W. H. Wadham, the well-known and esteemed rating officer and parish council clerk, of Carisbrooke, and Mrs. Wadham, in the tragic death on Tuesday of their only son, Mr. Frederick William Wadham, 31, who was employed as a clerk at the Romsey branch of Lloyds Bank, and who lived with his wife and infant child, a few months old, at Ermelo, Whitenap, Romsey. Deceased was cycling between the bank and his home on Tuesday, when his pedal cycle was in collision with a motor-car, with the result that he died shortly after at the Romsey Nursing Home from his injuries, which included a fractured skull.

The inquest was held on Thursday at Romsey by the Southampton County Coroner (P. B. Ingoldby, Esq.).

Valerie Wadham, wife of the deceased, said that on Tuesday her husband left home on his bicycle to proceed to business at the bank at Romsey.

Owen Radcliffe Guard, a company director, of Henley, Southampton-road, Romsey, said that on Tuesday afternoon he was driving a motor-car from Baddesley to Romsey, and when about 200 yards from the Whitenap turning he saw a motor-car. On approaching the turning he noticed a cyclist coming towards him from Romsey on his correct side of the road. The cyclist turned his head to look behind him and at the same moment swerved across to his right. The cyclist then looked round and caught sight of witness. He appeared to be straightening his course, but wobbled and came straight across in front of witness's car. Witness turned straight for the ditch in an effort to avoid him, but met him with the off-side wing of his car. The car then struck the bank and turned over. Witness's speed had been about 30 miles an hour on the straight, but he had slowed down considerably on approaching the corner. After turning towards the ditch witness accelerated in his effort to avoid the cyclist and sounded his horn, which was a very loud one, on approaching the corner and again when he saw deceased. He could not have done anything else to have avoided an accident.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and added that no blame attached to the driver of the car.

The Coroner and Mr. C. F. Hiscock, who appeared for Mr. Guard, joined in the jury's expression of sympathy with the relatives.

The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, the first part of the service being at Carisbrooke Church at 1 p.m.

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CARISBROOKE.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. F. W. WADHAM, - son of Mr. W. H. Wadham, of Clatterford-road, who lost his life in the sad road fatality at Romsey, where he was a member of the staff of Lloyds Bank, took place on Saturday amid general signs of sympathy. Many friends of the family attended the service in the Parish Church, preceding the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The Vicar (the Rev. H. S.

Footman, R.D.) officiated. .. The chief mourners were Mr. W. H. Wadham (father), Mr. F. G. Wadham (uncle), Mr. S. Burton, of Newbury (father-in-law), Mr. W. Burton, of Newbury (uncle), Messrs. Percy, Walton, Sidney, Stanley, and Ronald Wadham, and W. Barton (cousins), and Mr. R. W. Cruse (manager of Lloyds Bank, Freshwater). Amongst those also present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bird Cheverton, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brown, Mrs. J. A. Gibson, Mrs. A. E. Harvey, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Pittis, Mrs. F. G. Wadham, Miss Wadham, Mrs. Forehead, Miss Scovell, Mrs. A. W. Abraham, Miss Alderslade, Miss Higgs, Miss Elger, Mrs. W. H. Bullock, Mrs. W. L. Bright, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deacon, Miss Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Philpot, the Misses Attrill, Mrs. and Miss Daish, Messrs. C. H. Cowdery (hon. treasurer) and C. Cheverton (assistant secretary), representing the County Coursing Club, Mr. S. E. P. Weatherhead (manager of Lloyds Bank, Romsey), Mr. L. K. Harland (representing the Newport branch of the bank), Mr. H. P. Hendy (chairman of the Parish Council), Mr. S. Elliott (formerly a member of the Newport St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class, which deceased attended), Capt. A. S. Brown, and Messrs. F. C. Gurney Champion, F. Stevens, J. C. Lockhart, T. Spooner, G. L. Humphries, H. W. Lincoln, L. Long, J. Attrill (Blackwater), G. H. Attrill (Calbourne New Barn), T. Duke, W. J. Way, J. B. Alderslade, E. G. Barnes, B. Cooper, A. A. Whitfield, V. Sanders, J. W. Marshall, W. G. Sibbick, H. C. Rowe, H. Priestley, F. Hall, and J. Samuel. There were about 40 beautiful wreaths, including those from the managers and staffs of the Romsey, Marlborough, and Newport branches of Lloyds Bank, and the I.W. County Coursing Club. Messrs. G. F. Quinton made the arrangements.

Mr. F. W. Wadham was educated at Portland House Academy, Newport, and entered the service of Lloyds Bank at the age of 17. He had been engaged at the Sandown, Ryde, and Totland Bay branches, and at a number of places on the mainland before going to Romsey. While at Ryde he was a popular member of the Rowing Club. He leaves a widow and baby son three months old. His death is greatly mourned by his colleagues in Lloyds Bank, by whom he was greatly esteemed.

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